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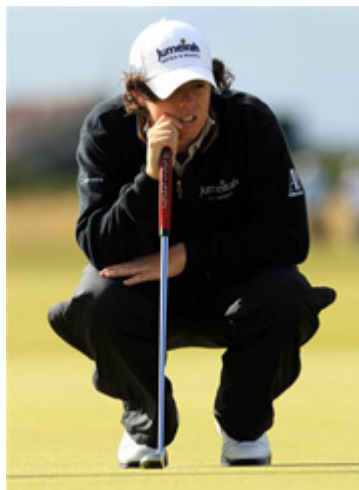
### CONSON'S COMING



Trucks are left after they were drifted away by flood in Kani, Gifu prefecture, western Japan Friday, July 16, 2010. Torrential rain have caused flood and landslides in southern and western Japan. Read more on Page A7

## SPORTS NEWS

### WINDS OF WAR



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy waits to putt on the ninth green during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday, July 16, 2010. Read more on Back Page

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Authorities investigate inside a collapsed parking garage Friday, July 16, 2010, in Hackensack, N.J. Associated Press

## NJ parking garage collapses

DAVID PORTER, Associated Press Writer HACKENSACK, New Jersey (AP) — A glass canopy attached to a high-rise condominium building fell onto a parking garage

two stories below on Friday, partially collapsing the underground structure and trapping at least one person, authorities said. Using a remote-controlled camera, rescuers could see

the victim in a car on the first level down but couldn't get to the person because they were concerned about the possibility of another collapse at the three-story *Cont. on page 5*

## Car bomb signals new dimension to Mexican drug war

ALICIA A. CALDWELL E. EDUARDO CASTILLO Associated Press Writers CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A drug cartel has used a car bomb for the first time in Mexico's decades-long fight against traffickers, setting a deadly trap against federal police in a city across the border from Texas, the mayor of Ciudad Juarez said Friday. Mayor Jose Reyes said federal police have confirmed to him that a car bomb was used in the attack that killed three people Thursday. It was the first time a drug cartel has used a bomb to attack Mexican security forces, marking an escalation in the country's already raging drug war.

Federal police and paramedics were lured to the scene by a phone call reporting that shots were fired at a major intersection and a municipal police officer lay wounded at a major intersection, Reyes told The Associated Press. As the paramedics were working on the wounded man, a parked car exploded, he said. Reyes said authorities later determined that the wounded man was not a policeman, although he was wearing a fake uniform. The man was among the three people who died in the attack. The others were a federal police officer and a medical technician. Brig. Gen. Eduardo Zarate,

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## 94 charged in health care scams totaling \$251M



Attorney General Eric Holder, right, announces 36 arrests in Medicare scams during a news conference as Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius looks on in Miami, Friday, July 16, 2010. Associated Press

KELLI KENNEDY TOM HAYS Associated Press Writers MIAMI (AP) — Elderly Russian immigrants lined up to take kickbacks from the backroom of a *Cont. on page 3*



The remains of a vehicle are cordoned off in a street in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Friday July 16, 2010. Mexican investigators ran forensic tests to determine whether drug gangs used a car bomb in an attack on police patrol trucks that killed two officers and wounded nine people on Thursday. Associated Press

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# Former aide to W.Va. governor tapped for Byrd seat



Tuesday July 5, 2009 file photo shows Carte Goodwin, who was West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin's General Council, at the Capitol in Charleston, W.Va., Tuesday, July 5, 2005. Goodwin will be Gov. Joe Manchin's temporary appointee to the late U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd's seat. Associated Press

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Virginia (AP) — West

Virginia's governor on Friday appointed his former chief counsel — a member of a prominent West Virginia family — to succeed the late U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd. Gov. Joe Manchin announced Carte Goodwin's appointment during a packed afternoon news conference at the state Capitol. "I know he's going to make us all proud," Manchin said. "I know that West Virginia is better off because he's passed this way." Goodwin would hold the seat until November, when the governor wants general election voters to decide who will serve the final two years of Byrd's term. The Legislature has begun a special session to consider a proposal from Manchin to allow for a November vote. The governor's appointee is not expected to run for the seat. Manchin has said it's highly likely he will, but

he has yet to announce his plans. The Republicans' top choice is Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, though she is already seeking a sixth House term. The likely special election will put another Democratic Senate seat in play this year as the party struggles to retain its majority. Democrats have a 58-41 edge, with Byrd's seat vacant, but are expected to lose seats in November, typical for the president's party in his first midterm elections. Manchin said the seat will always be known as the U.S. Senate seat that Byrd held for more than half a century. However, "I am truly confident that Carte Goodwin will look out for West Virginians," he said. Byrd was history's longest-serving member of Congress when he died last month at age 92. During Friday's announcement, Manchin handed Goodwin a pocket-size copy of the U.S.

Constitution that Byrd inscribed and gave to the governor before his death — the same red-covered version that Byrd would famously pull out and wave during floor and stump speeches. Goodwin worked on Manchin's 2004 campaign for governor before becoming his chief lawyer. He served in that post until shortly after Manchin began his second term in 2009, leaving for his family's law firm. When sworn in next week, Goodwin will become the youngest sitting senator, according to the Senate historian's office. The next youngest, Sen. George LeMieux of Florida, is 41 and the average age of senators is 66. "We passed this torch to another generation," Manchin said. "I have been pushing young people to get involved in public service. We have passed that torch."

Last year, Goodwin headed an extensive, Manchin-commissioned review of the state's judiciary. While general counsel, Manchin said Goodwin was key in drafting mine rescue and safety measures that responded to fatal 2006 accidents at West Virginia's Sago and Aracoma coal mines. State Democratic Party Chairman Larry Puccio, who had been Manchin's chief of staff, credited Goodwin for his role in that legislation as well as such other administration policies as the privatizing of the state's workers' compensation system. "He's just a brilliant attorney, and I think he's very detailed and a disciplined individual," said Puccio, who had also been considered a potential Manchin pick. "I think he's a rising star, and West Virginians would do well if they involved such individuals in the process. I think so much of him."



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Brooklyn clinic. Claims flooded in from Miami for HIV treatments that never occurred. One professional patient was named in nearly 4,000 false Medicare claims. Authorities said busts carried out this week in Miami, New York City, Detroit, Houston and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were the largest Medicare fraud takedown in history — part of a massive overhaul in the way federal officials are preventing and prosecuting the crimes in the U.S. insurance program for the elderly. In all, 94 people — including several doctors and nurses — were charged Friday in scams totaling \$251 million. Federal authorities, while touting the operation, cautioned the cases represent only a fraction of the estimated \$60 billion to \$90 billion in Medicare fraud absorbed by taxpayers each year. For the first time federal officials have the power to overhaul the system under Obama's Affordable Care Act, which gives them authority to stop paying a provider they suspect is fraudulent. Critics have complained the current process did nothing more than rubber-stamp payments to fraudulent providers. "That world is coming to an end," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told The Associated Press after speaking at a health care fraud prevention summit in Miami. "We've got new ways to go after folks that we've never had before." Officials said they chose Miami because it is ground zero for Medicare fraud, generating roughly \$3 billion a year. Authorities indicted 33 suspects in the Miami area, accused of charging Medicare for about \$140 million in various scams.

Suspects across America were accused of billing Medicare for unnecessary equipment, physical therapy and other treatments that patients never received. In one \$72 million scam at Bay Medical in Brooklyn, clinic owners submitted bogus physical therapy claims for elderly Russian immigrants. Patients, including undercover agents, were paid \$50 to \$100 a visit in exchange for using their Medicare numbers and got bonuses for recruiting new patients. Wiretaps captured hundreds of kickback payments doled out in a backroom by a man who did nothing but pay patients all day, authorities said. The so-called "kickback" room had a Soviet-era propaganda poster on the wall, showing a woman with a finger to her lips and two warnings in Russian: "Don't Gossip" and "Be on the lookout. In these days, the walls talk." With the surveillance, the walls "had ears and they had eyes," U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said at a news conference in Brooklyn. In a separate Brooklyn case, authorities charged six patients who shopped their Medicare numbers to various clinics. More than 3,744 claims were submitted on behalf of one woman alone, 82-year-old Valentina Mushinskaya, over the past six years. At a brief appearance in federal court Friday, Mushinskaya was released on \$30,000 bond and ordered not to return to the Solstice Wellness Center, scene of an alleged \$2.8 million scam. Authorities called Mushinskaya one of the clinic's "serial beneficiaries," with phony bills totaling \$141,161 paid by Medicare. Her nephew, Vladimir Olshansky, told reporters his Ukrainian-born aunt suffers

from diabetes. "She doesn't know what this is about," he said. "She's in the dark." In Miami, Daniel R. Levinson, inspector general of HHS, which oversees Medicare, said the arrests "illustrate how health care fraud schemes can replicate virally and migrate rapidly across communities." Cleaning up Medicare fraud will be key to paying for President Barack Obama's proposed health care overhaul. Federal officials have allocated more money and manpower to fight fraud, setting up strike forces in seven cities with a plan to expand to a dozen more. So far, the operations are responsible for more than 720 indictments that collectively billed the Medicare program more than \$1.6 billion. Around America, the schemes have morphed from the typical medical equipment scam in which clinic owners billed Medicare dozens of times for the same wheelchair. Now, officials say, Medicare fraud involves a sophisticated network of doctors, clinic owners, patients and patient recruiters. Violent criminals and mobsters are also tapping into the scams, seeing Medicare fraud as more lucrative than dealing drugs and having less severe criminal penalties, officials said. For decades, Medicare operated under a system that paid providers first and investigated later. That pay and chase method was a boon for crooks, giving them 90 days lag time to milk the system and flee with millions before authorities were aware a crime had been committed. Sebelius toured vacant storefronts in Miami on Friday where Medicare fraudsters set up shop, including bogus clinics operated by Cuban immigrants Carlos, Luis

and Jose Benitez. The brothers are the agency's most-wanted fugitives, charged with bilking \$119 million for costly HIV drugs that patients never received — and buying hotels, helicopters, boats and even a water park with their spoils. They allegedly fled to Cuba, where authorities believe they remain. A new joint effort by HHS and the Department of Justice enables law enforcement to view Medicare claims in real time and flag suspicious patterns. More stringent screening methods, including more comprehensive background checks, have also been put in place. The agency gets roughly 18,000 applications daily to become a Medicare provider. Now they can put a moratorium on new applications in certain areas, like physical therapy, if they notice a spike in fraudulent activities. The changes are paying off. Investigators visited 1,600 providers in Miami in the past few months,



This Oct. 2008 file photo by Muhammad ud-Deen shows Imam Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen. The Obama administration has added the U.S.-born, al-Qaida-linked cleric accused of helping to plan the failed Christmas Day airline bombing to a terrorism blacklist, targeting him with sanctions aimed at cutting off his financial support. Associated Press

making sure legitimate businesses were operating at the addresses. In 2008, authorities required all medical equipment providers in Miami to apply for new certification, hoping the paper hurdle would deter scammers. The number of claims dropped by \$1.6 billion.



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## Senators look for BP-Lockerbie bomber link



From left, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. take part in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 14, 2010, to discuss asking the State Department to investigate whether oil giant BP played a role in winning last year's release of the man convicted of the Lockerbie airliner bombing.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as BP stopped oil from flowing into the Gulf of Mexico, the company faces unwelcome attention from the U.S. Congress on another issue: whether it sought the release of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi to help get a \$900 million exploration agreement with Libya off the ground. Soon after his release last year, BP acknowledged that it urged the British government to sign a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya, but stressed it did not specify al-Megrahi's case. It reiterated that stance this week when four U.S. Democratic senators asked the State Department to investigate whether there was a quid pro quo for the Lockerbie bomber's release. "The evidence here may be circumstantial but if I were a prosecutor, I'd love to take this case to a jury," said Sen. Charles Schumer, one of the four lawmakers. While the State Department was noncommittal, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced this week it would a hearing on the case this month. Al-Megrahi served eight years of a life sentence for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing of the Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people, most of them American. Last August, Scotland's government released him on compassionate grounds and he returned to Libya. As outrage swirled on both sides of the Atlantic, then-British Prime Minister Gordon Brown denied giving any assurances to Libya's leaders that the bomber would be freed in exchange for oil

contracts. BP acknowledged in a statement at the time that it "did bring to the attention of the U.K. government in late 2007 our concerns about the slow progress in concluding a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya. Like many others, we were aware that delay might have negative consequences for U.K. commercial interests, including ratification of BP's exploration agreement." "We were not talking about the al-Megrahi case because we were fully aware that this was solely a matter for the Scottish Executive and not the U.K. authorities," BP said. Kenny MacAskill, the Scottish justice secretary who freed al-Megrahi, said Friday he had no contact with BP as he decided the Libyan's fate. "We had no communication from the oil company and we had no support or assistance from the British Government," he said. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed the matter Friday with British Foreign Secretary William Hague and informed him of congressional interest in the circumstances regarding al-Megrahi's release and a possible BP connection. "Foreign Secretary Hague offered to communicate directly with the Hill and the secretary agreed that was a good idea," said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley. "She said that this was an important issue in the Congress and recognizing that fact, the foreign secretary made a good faith offer to provide perspective on the decision to release Megrahi, which they both agreed was an error." In May 2007, BP inked the

exploration deal with the Libya Investment Corp., with Britain's then-Prime Minister Tony Blair on hand to hail the deal as a sign of improved relations between the two countries. "A few years back, Britain and Libya could never have had this relationship," Blair said following a two-hour meeting with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in a tent. "This is a change of benefit to Libya and Britain and the wider region." That same month, Britain and Libya signed a memorandum of understanding that they would negotiate agreements on extradition, mutual legal assistance, civil and commercial law as well as prisoner transfer. The prisoner exchange agreement was signed on Nov. 17, 2008, and ratified by Britain's Parliament last year. transfer deal was part of broader diplomatic effort aimed at drawing Libya away from its support for terrorist groups and dismantling the North African nation's worrisome nuclear program. They have also insisted that the prisoner-swap was not specifically aimed at al-Megrahi. Whether or not BP's lobbying played a decisive role in the prison transfer negotiations is not clear from the dozen or so pages of government correspondence released last year. In July 2007 Britain's justice secretary at the time, Jack Straw, was discussing how to make sure al-Megrahi stayed behind bars. Around the time BP stepped in, Straw wrote to his Scottish counterpart, MacAskill, to say that he had not been able to secure an exclusion for al-Megrahi.



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garage, Hackensack fire Lt. Stephen Lindner said. They could not determine the victim's condition. Crews were clearing debris and shoring up the structure before they could attempt to rescue the victim. "We are absolutely making progress" in getting to the victim, Lindner said. "We have engineers on the scene, but right now it looks like the building is structurally sound." Authorities were checking out whether another person might also be trapped, Lindner said. Surveillance cameras detected a car in motion on the lowest level of the garage around the time of the collapse, but authorities weren't sure whether the driver made it out, he said. The garage pancaked when the canopy fell on it, damaging vehicles. The top of the garage, level with the street, was littered with dirt,

debris and glass, and the pavement split into chunks. Rachel LaValle, 26, said she was driving out of the garage and had reached the street level when she noticed a cloud of thick white dust. Mistaking it for smoke, she got out of her car to check for a fire. Then, seeing through the dust to the part of the garage that had collapsed, she got back in her car, shifted it into reverse, parked and ran out of the garage. She saw water spilling out of pipes and a big hole where part of the garage had once stood. "There was still dirt coming down at me," she said. It's unclear why the canopy fell from the 22-year-old building, which is adjacent to the garage. Several residents said workers had uprooted a tree between the street and the building within the past few months, and that a leak in the basement was being fixed.

Resident Chris Baldo was in his first-floor unit when he felt the building shake. He looked out his window and the garage "was just gone," he said. Irene Casapulla, who lives on the second floor, said she heard "a bunch of thumping, and all of a sudden it sounded like an earthquake." All residents were evacuated as a precaution and weren't expected to be allowed to return before Sunday at the earliest, Lindner said. Some were briefly let back in to retrieve pets and medications. Residents in surrounding buildings were allowed to stay in their apartments but prohibited from driving in the area; emergency crews worried vibrations could cause further damage. One firefighter was wheeling a luggage cart stacked with cases of water for emergency workers

out in the 90-degree heat. Tax records show the condo tower was built in 1988. Equity Residential Properties of Chicago bought it in 1998 for \$36.3 million. Marty McKenna, a spokesman for Equity Residential, said the building owner did not have much information yet about what happened. "We're trying to let the fire department do what they do," he said. Jon Morrison, a structural engineer at CVM Engineers in Pennsylvania, saw video of the collapse on the news. He said the video made him wonder if one of the main columns supporting the structure may have failed first, rather than the glass canopy. He said recent heavy rains could have weighed down the landscaping on the ground level, and that the foundation could



**Rescue officials use electronic equipment to check for missing people after the front of an apartment building and a parking garage collapsed Friday, July 16, 2010, in Hackensack, N.J.**

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have been undermined. Once a column goes, he said, it would be easy for parking decks to collapse. He said it's rare for a completed structure to fail. "Once they're up for five minutes," Morrison said, "they tend to stay for 50 years."



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# Sunni group claims Iran mosque blast killing 27

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A Sunni insurgent group said it carried out a double suicide bombing against a Shiite mosque in southeast Iran to avenge the execution of its leader, as Iranian authorities Friday said the death toll rose to 27 people, including members of the elite Revolutionary Guard. The insurgent group, Jundallah, has repeatedly succeeded in carrying out deadly strikes on the Guard, the country's most powerful military force — including an October suicide bombing that killed more than 40 people. The new attack was a sign that the group is still able to carry out devastating bombings even after Iran hanged its leader Abdulmalik Rigi and his brother earlier this year. Shiite worshippers were attending ceremonies marking the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad's

grandson, Hussein, when the first blast went off at the entrance of the mosque in the provincial capital Zahedan. The male bomber was disguised as a woman, local lawmaker Hossein Ali Shahriari told the ISNA news agency. Inside the mosque, a cleric was reading from the Quran in front of lines of faithful sitting cross-legged on the floor when the building suddenly shook from the blast and screams were heard from outside, according to footage taken at the time and aired on Iranian state TV. As people rushed to help, the second explosion detonated 20 minutes later, causing the majority of the deaths and injuries, ISNA reported. The technique is often used by Sunni militants in Iraq to maximize casualties. Members of the Guard were among the worshippers, particularly because the ceremonies coincided



In this picture released by the Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), people gather at the scene of bomb blasts in the provincial capital of Zahedan, Iran, Thursday, July 15, 2010. Twin bombings killed dozens of people outside a mosque in southeastern Iran on Thursday, including members of the powerful Revolutionary Guard, in attacks that came less than a month after Iran hanged the leader of a militant insurgent group in the region.

Associated Press

with Iran's official Revolutionary Guard Day. The deputy interior minister, Ali Abdollahi, told the Fars news agency Thursday that several Guard members were among the dead.

Health Minister Marzieh Vahid Dastagerdi told ISNA on Friday that the toll stood at 27 dead but could still rise, with another 270 injured, including 11 in serious condition. Iran accuses the United States and Britain of supporting Jundallah in a plot to weaken Tehran clerical leadership, a claim both countries deny. On Friday, officials blamed them for the latest attack. Gen. Hossein Salami, deputy head of the Revolutionary Guard, told worshippers at the main weekly prayers in Tehran that the victims "were martyred by hands of mercenaries of the U.S. and U.K." He was echoed by influential lawmaker Alaeddin Boroujerdi who said "America should be answerable for the terrorist incident in Zahedan." President Obama condemned the attacks, saying in a statement that the deaths of innocent civilians in their place of worship is an "intolerable

offense" and that those responsible for the blasts must be held accountable. In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon strongly condemned the suicide bombings saying "this senseless act of terrorism at a place of worship makes it all the more reprehensible," U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq told reporters at U.N. headquarters. The U.N. Security Council late Friday condemned "in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks" and underlined "the need to bring the perpetrators, the organizers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism to justice." It urged all parties "to cooperate actively with the Iranian authorities in this regard." Jundallah has been waging an insurgency for years in the remote Sistan-Baluchistan province, a lawless area where smuggling and banditry are rife. The groups says it is fighting for the rights

## Australian PM poised to announce August elections



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CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard visited the country's governor general Saturday, a procedural step toward calling a general election for late August.

Gillard — who grabbed power in a surprise ruling party coup three weeks ago — must defend her first-term government's massive spending at the polls, expected to be held on Aug. 21 or Aug. 28. Gillard was seen Saturday driving through the gates of the official residence of Governor-General Quentin Bryce, who is responsible for authorizing the election on the date the prime minister chooses. Gillard's office would not comment before she makes an announcement at a press conference later Saturday. Opinion polls point to her ruling Labor Party winning

a second three-year term, but analysts expect a tight contest against a resurgent conservative opposition led by Tony Abbott. Gillard was former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's deputy. Rudd became a Labor Party hero when he led it to a crushing election victory in November 2007 after 11 years in opposition. He remained one of the most popular prime ministers in modern Australian history until he made a series of unpopular political moves earlier this year, including shelving a key pledge to make major industries pay for the carbon gas that they emit.





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# Thousands evacuated as typhoon hits southern China

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BEIJING (AP) — A typhoon that left a trail of destruction and deaths in the Philippines hit southern China late Friday as emergency workers prepared for torrential rains and lashing winds, flights and ferries were canceled and tens of thousands of residents were evacuated. Typhoon Conson had weakened to a tropical storm after blowing out of the Philippines, where 39 people were dead and the number of missing climbed to 84. But it restrengthened to a typhoon with winds of up to 78 miles per hour (126 kilometers per hour) and hit the city of Sanya on Hainan island at 7:50 p.m. local time Friday, China's National Meteorological Center said. The center's website provided no other details. Xinhua News Agency reported one death from the storm later Friday: a motorcyclist who was struck by a falling billboard. Heavy rain fell on Hainan as the typhoon approached and conditions were dark and windy, said a receptionist

who answered the phone at the Mandarin Oriental in the city of Sanya. "If the wind starts to pick up, it may uproot some of the smaller trees. We are recommending to guests that they stay indoors," said the woman, who would not give her name. Authorities dispatched relief workers in preparation for the storm and ordered thousands of boats to dock. More than 150 passengers were stranded at a port after ferry services were suspended, Xinhua said. Twenty-eight flights were also canceled. "Even though typhoons are common in our region, we are still taking precautionary safety measures," said an official at the provincial meteorological bureau who refused to give her name as is common among Chinese bureaucrats. In addition to Hainan, parts of Guangdong province and neighboring Guangxi region will see torrential rains over the next 24 hours as Conson moves toward the northwest at 9 to 13 mph. Nearly 40,000 people in

Hainan and more than 20,000 people in Guangdong were evacuated from areas in the projected path of the typhoon, Xinhua said. The storm should continue its northwest path inland over the weekend, heading toward southwest China and northern Vietnam. Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung urged authorities in 23 northern and central provinces on Friday to ban ships and fishing trawlers from sailing. He also ordered local governments to evacuate people from high-risk areas and to advise others to stockpile food and medicine. Philippine President Benigno Aquino III, in a nationally televised emergency meeting, scolded the weather bureau for failing to predict that Conson would hit Manila, which left government agencies unprepared for the onslaught. At least 39 people died in the Philippines, including 14 fishermen whose bodies were recovered by the navy, coast guard and policemen in Bataan province, west



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, fishermen work on their boats, braces for Typhoon Conson, in Wanning, Hainan province, China, Friday, July 16, 2010. Disaster prevention teams fanned out across southern China in preparation for torrential rains and lashing winds Friday, as Typhoon Conson crept toward land again after killing 39 people and leaving a trail of destruction in the Philippines.

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of Manila, on Thursday. Nine died when a wayward oil barge slammed into their boats, which were moored near Mariveles town, the coast guard said. Five others were found at sea off Bataan, where their boats sank. The number of missing soared as emergency crews restored electricity and fixed communication problems between Manila and nearby provinces on Luzon island, the national disaster agency said. Many parts of China have been pounded by storms this summer, though areas expected to be hit by Conson had not been seriously

affected so far. Flooding and subsequent landslides in communities along the Yangtze River and other scattered parts of China have killed 135 people so far this month, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said. Direct economic losses in July reached 26 billion yuan (\$3.8 billion). Conson was not expected to hit the areas in China already battered by weeks of flooding. In Japan, police said landslides caused by heavy rains killed two people in Hiroshima while another was swept away in a swollen river. Eight people were missing across western and central Japan.



# 28 killed in hotel fire in Iraq's Kurdish region



Firefighters respond to a fire in a five-story hotel in Sulaimaniyah, 160 miles northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, July 16, 2010. The fire killed at least 29 people, including foreigners, police and hospital officials said on Friday. At least some of the victims appeared to have died as they jumped from the windows to escape the blaze.

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REBECCA SANTANA YAHYA BARZANJI Associated Press Writer BAGHDAD (AP) — A fierce blaze at a hotel without fire escapes sent some desperate guests plunging to their deaths in a northern Iraqi oil boomtown, killing 28 people. Half of those killed were foreigners, a reflection of the thousands of migrants who have flooded the Kurdish region in northern Iraq in recent years in search of economic opportunities. Kurdistan, which has been spared the brunt of violence in Iraq, has prospered even as the rest of the country remains mired in sectarian bloodshed and political woes that have slowed investment. The fire began late Thursday night in the city of Sulaimaniyah and lasted well into Friday morning as firefighters battled the deadly blaze

in the five-story Soma Hotel for nearly five hours. Witnesses described a chaotic scene in which smoke filled the hallways and billowed out of the windows, forcing some hotel guests to jump from the upper floors in a desperate attempt to avoid the flames. One man who was visiting friends at the hotel, Mariwan Asaad, described seeing flames and smoke filling the corridors on the third floor, forcing him to stumble blindly in search of a way out. Through the open doorway of one room he saw a man lying on the floor, dead from smoke inhalation. "I entered the room and threw myself from the window. I broke my legs. The pain was so great that I lost consciousness. I found myself in the hospital," he said, speaking just before going into the operating room for surgery.

The owner of another hotel next door said the fire reached his building but his hotel workers managed to douse the flames. "Thick smoke was going out from all the hotel windows. I saw at least three people jumping from the fifth story," Hawri Hassan said. Most of the victims died from smoke inhalation, and the lack of fire escapes contributed to the high death toll, said the head of the city's fire department, Brig. Yadgar Mohammed Mustafa. Kurdish Prime Minister Barham Saleh, in footage aired by the Arabic-language Al-Jazeera TV station, said he had ordered an investigation into the blaze, saying he wanted to know why there were no safety measures. Authorities said the dead included people from Cambodia, Bangladesh, Canada, Australia, Ecuador, South Africa, Britain, Lebanon, Venezuela, Sri Lanka and one person who was believed to be a foreigner but did not have identification. The chief of police, Brig. Gen. Najim-al-Din Qadir, said 28 people — including 14 foreigners — were killed in the blaze, which was sparked by an electrical

short. The top health official in Sulaimaniyah, Rekwt Mohammed, confirmed the toll, adding that one of the dead was a pregnant woman. Some of the dead were working for foreign oil companies, according to the police chief. A number of such oil companies operate in the Kurdish north, which sits atop about 40 percent of Iraq's total 115 billion barrels of proven crude oil reserves. A Dubai-based company, Terraseis, which conducts geological surveys for the oil industry, said some of its employees were staying at the hotel. The company said it was still working to confirm details of what happened and could not provide information about the identities or nationalities of its workers staying there. Despite Iraq's instability and struggling economy, the country — especially the three provinces that make up the Kurdish region — is still a destination for migrant workers, mostly from Asia and Africa, said Jean-Philippe Chauzy, a spokesman for the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration. While the rest of Iraq has been plagued by violence

since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the Kurdish region has enjoyed relative stability, benefitting from a construction boom that has seen investors throw up houses, hotels and office buildings. The growth and stability in the region have also spurred a growing number of airlines to fly into the Kurdish region, some from as far away as Austria. Waleed Mohammed, marketing manager in Sulaimaniyah for Lafarge SA, the world's largest cement maker, said some Kurdish businessmen who had worked in Europe or the Gulf states were bringing in workers from countries such as India or Bangladesh, in part because they were better trained than Kurdish workers. However, the lack of fire escapes at the building raises questions about the Kurdish building boom and whether corners are being cut in pursuit of economic growth. "There is too much building going on in Sulaimaniyah without enough government oversight," said one builder in the city, Arass Karim Wali. "Most of them have no safety regulations, especially in the hotels and the markets."

## Kenyan police arrest suspect in Uganda bombings

M A L K H A D I R M. MUHUMED Associated Press Writer NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the Uganda bomb attacks that killed 76 people watching the World Cup final on television, an official said. The man was arrested at a police checkpoint Wednesday near the

Kenya-Somalia border with a satellite phone and digital camera, Northeastern Provincial Commissioner James ole Seriani said on Friday. Police say the man said he supported Somalia's al-Qaida linked group, al-Shabab, despite his claim to be a member of the Ugandan army. Police officers are interrogating the man to determine his

nationality, Seriani said. Kenya beefed up its security along its porous border with Somalia after al-Shabab claimed responsibility for Sunday's twin blasts in Uganda. In a separate development, police in the Kenyan capital have arrested more than 100 foreigners in an operation aimed at clearing the city of illegal immigrants, said Nairobi police chief Anthony Kibuchi.

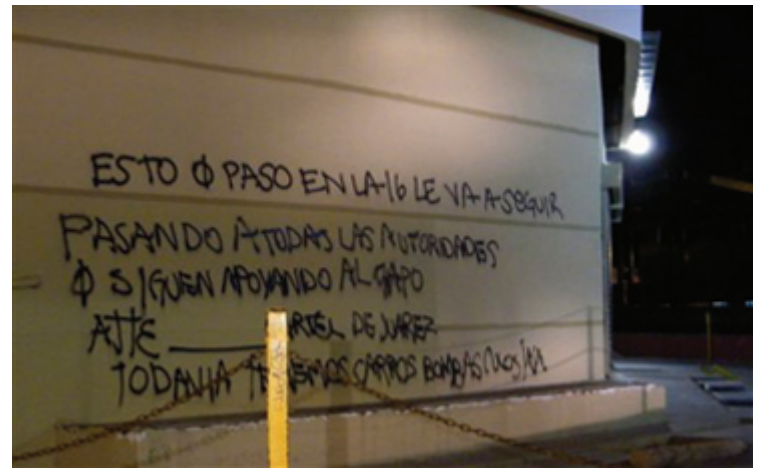


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the commander of the regional military zone, told reporters that up to 22 pounds (10 kilograms) of explosives might have been used, although investigators were still trying to determine what type. He said the bomb might have been detonated remotely with a cell phone, adding that burned batteries connecting to a mobile phone were found at the scene. "From what distance? We don't know. But we think it was a distance that allowed (the assailants) to watch the area, waiting for the police to get out of their vehicle," Zarate said. The car bomb demonstrates the growing boldness and military sophistication of Mexico's drug traffickers, who have dramatically stepped up attacks against security forces and government officials since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of troops and federal police to crush the cartels in their strongholds. "We have to change the way we operate," Reyes said. "We've started changing all our protocols, to include bomb situations." City and federal authorities said the attack appeared to target only security forces. "The threat was directed at the police departments, so it is not a threat against the population," he added. "But we have to be very careful with our police departments, their actions and how we protect them, and of course, how we protect the population from the fallout." A graffiti message appeared on a wall of a Ciudad Juarez shopping mall on Thursday night warning of more car bombs. In the northeastern border city of Nuevo Laredo, meanwhile, a series of shootouts Friday prompted the U.S. Consulate to warn American citizens in the city to remain indoors. The consulate said drug traffickers were throwing up roadblocks in at least one major avenue and were carjacking vehicles. "We have received credible reports of widespread violence occurring now between narcotics

trafficking organizations and the Mexican Army in Nuevo Laredo. We have credible reports of grenades being used," the consulate said in a statement. "We advise all U.S. citizens in Nuevo Laredo to remain indoors until the security situation improves." Army officials reached by phone in Nuevo Laredo declined to comment. Roadblocks have been another tactic to recently emerge in Mexico's drug war. Gangs in the neighboring northeastern states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, where Nuevo Laredo is located, have thrown up the blockades to impede soldiers from coming to the aid of colleagues under attack. Drug gangs have previously attacked Mexican soldiers and police with grenades and powerful rifles, and there had long been fears they might turn to bombings. Soldiers have seized homemade explosives from gang vehicles after gunbattles, and assailants have stolen explosive material from transport vehicles. Federal police said the attack was in retaliation for the arrest of a top leader of the La Linea drug gang, Jesus Acosta Guerrero, earlier in the day. Police said Acosta Guerrero, 35, was the "operations leader" of La Linea, which works for the Juarez drug cartel. He was responsible for at least 25 killings, mainly of rival gang members, and also ordered attacks on police, a federal police statement said. The Juarez cartel apparently claimed credit for the attack in the graffiti message, which accused federal police of supporting the rival Sinaloa cartel, led by Mexico's most-wanted kingpin, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. "What happened ... is going to keep happening against all the authorities that keep

supporting 'El Chapo,'" the message read. "We have more car bombs." Calderon's government has long face allegations that his government does not pursue the Sinaloa cartel as aggressively as other gangs, accusations he vehemently denies. What appeared to be the charred bottom half of the explosives-rigged car still lay at the scene of the attack Friday. The debris from the blast was spread out over a 300-yard (300-meter) radius. The explosion also blew out the windows of a nearby home and blackened the corner of the building nearest to the crash. "Thank God we weren't home," said a woman who lives in the damaged house. She refused to give her name, citing safety concerns, before driving away from the scene Thursday. Although the car bomb was a new tactic, it was far from the deadliest attack on Mexico's security forces. Last month, a carefully planned ambush killed 12 federal police officers in the western state of Michoacan. And a week before July 4 local and state elections, suspected cartel members ambushed and killed the leading candidate for governor of Tamaulipas. Calderon called the assassination — which followed a series of attacks and threats against candidates throughout the campaign — evidence that drug cartels were trying to control Mexican politics through intimidation. On Wednesday, gunmen killed the nephew of the governor-elect of Chihuahua, the state where Ciudad Juarez is located, although it was unclear who was behind the attack. Mario Medina, nephew of Cesar Duarte, was shot in the back as he tried to escape from would-be kidnappers in the state capital, also named Chihuahua.



A wall at a shopping center is covered by graffiti that reads in Spanish "What happened on the 16 (street) is going to keep happening to all the authorities that continue to support the Chapo (Guzman), sincerely, the Juarez Cartel. We still have car bombs (expletive) ha ha." Cartel assailants laid a trap for federal police and attacked them with a car bomb on Thursday the first time a drug cartel have used explosives to attack Mexican security forces, marking an escalation in the country's drug war.

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Earlier Friday, federal investigators were running forensic tests to determine if the assailants packed the car with explosive material or launched grenades. Chavez said the killings did

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## Pink taken to hospital after stage fall



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A spokesman for Pink's concerts in Germany says the singer fell off the stage after a stunt went wrong and she underwent a checkup at a hospital.

Peter Riegert Concerts' Stefan Guentner said Friday the singer wasn't seriously injured in the incident on Thursday evening in Nuremberg.

While singing "So What," Pink fell out of a harness which was supposed to carry her toward the crowd. A YouTube video shows the 30-year-old climbing back onto the stage after the incident, but the concert was halted and she was taken to a hospital.

Another agency, Allgaeu Concerts, said on its website that Friday's concert in Salem, southwestern Germany, will take place as scheduled. It said: "Pink is in Salem, she's fine and is looking forward to the show."

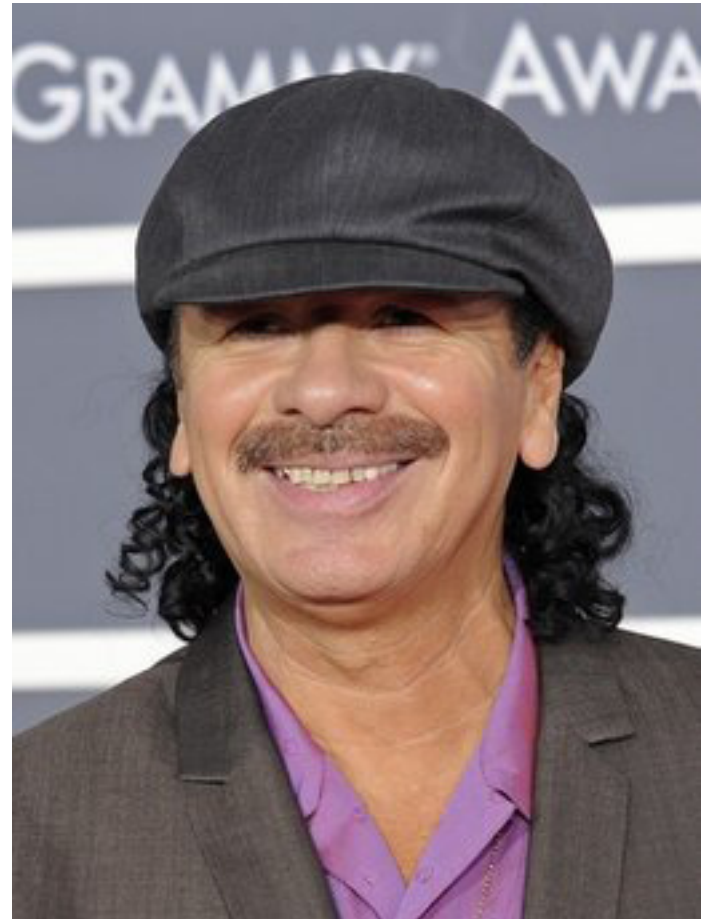
## Carlos Santana back at Woodstock site for concert

And on Saturday, he will be again.

Carlos Santana returns to the site of the fabled 1969 festival this weekend for a concert at a new arts pavilion just yards from the original stage where his band performed "Soul Sacrifice" during the "three days of peace and music" that helped define the end of the 1960s. According to promoters, it's the 62-year-old Grammy winner's first time playing there since that unforgettable performance.

"Santana is one of the artists who embody the spirit of the festival," said Shannon McSweeney, a spokeswoman for the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. "Him coming back is something special, I think, not only for us but for him." Steve Winwood will also play at the show Saturday.

The 2,000-acre facility, in upstate New York's Sullivan County, is a performing arts center and museum with a 15,000-seat concert space. The Center includes the patch of land, once part of Max



Yasgur's farm, that hosted the original Woodstock festival in August 1969.

Last week, during a tour stop

in Illinois, Santana proposed onstage to his girlfriend, drummer Cindy Blackman. She accepted.

## Lucille Ball letters, awards to be sold at auction

Some of Lucille Ball's love letters and awards will be sold at auction after a judge ruled to block the sale but imposed a hurdle that the comedienne's daughter cannot overcome.

While Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien agreed to block the sale Friday, he imposed a \$250,000 bond that Lucie Arnaz Luckinbill would have to pay to get a restraining order issued. Her attorney, Ronald Palmieri, said the amount is too high and can't be met.

"We won on a legal basis, and the judge took it away from us on an economic basis," Palmieri said. "That is very sad." Luckinbill is the daughter of Ball and first husband Desi Arnaz. She sought the return of some of the items after Susie Morton, the widow of Ball's second husband, Gary Morton, offered them for sale. Ball and Gary Morton were married until the time of the actress' death in 1989. He later married Susie Morton. She consigned several items to Heritage Auction Galler-

ies, including a Rolls-Royce, some of the couple's love letters, photos and Ball's personal items. The items are scheduled to go on sale Saturday at an auction being conducted online and in Beverly Hills, Calif. Morton sued Luckinbill this week, seeking a judge's order allowing the sale to go forward. Luckinbill in turn sought the restraining order Friday.

Through Palmieri, she had sought the return of the love

letters and Ball's lifetime achievement awards, which she said would be donated to a museum honoring her mother. Heritage President Greg Rohan has said the auction house supported Susie Morton and had received documentation from her affirming her right to sell the items.

Susie Morton's lawsuit claimed that Luckinbill had forfeited her right to the items after her mother's estate was distributed.

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# Austerity clouds outlook at Farnborough air show

The slow global economic recovery and sharp cuts to national defense budgets are expected to blow a chill wind through the Farnborough International Airshow next week.

But there are some glimmers of light amid the austerity gloom as plane makers, government ministers and military top brass gather for one of the aviation and defense industry's premier events.

There's buzz about the debut of two of the world's most long-anticipated aircraft — the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A400M — and likely commercial plane orders from buyers in the Middle East and Asia.

More than 1,000 exhibitors from 38 countries have signed up to take part in the week-long event showcasing both commercial and defense aircraft. Delegations from Egypt, Taiwan and Morocco will be attending for the first time, while organizers also cited stronger interest from major players China and Russia.

Analysts expect the event to be more upbeat than last year's sister show in Le Bourget outside Paris as the global economy staggers back to its feet, but they aren't holding their breath for orders anywhere near the record-breaking \$88.7 billion worth announced in Farnborough in 2008.

"The show is a little too soon to see a huge rise of orders, but there'll probably be more than Paris," said Forecast International analyst Raymond Jaworowski. "We should start to see orders accelerate late this year."

Boeing, which suffered a setback on the eve of the show by revealing that delivery of the already long-delayed 787 may be set back yet again, this week predicted that the global

airline industry will need \$3.6 trillion in new aircraft over the next 20 years.

The Geneva-based International Air Transport Association has forecast that global industry profits will reach \$2.5 billion this year, an upturn from the huge \$9.4 billion loss in 2009.

Analysts expect Asia and North America to lead the recovery, with Europe lagging behind. Strikes at some airlines, the debt crisis and the volcanic ash cloud that caused major disruptions this spring are all hurting Europe's recovery.

Analysts are instead expecting Middle Eastern and Asian buyers to put up some money. Emirates airline, the largest in the Gulf states, has indicated it would announce new orders at Farnborough after surprising many with a repeat order last month for 32 Airbus A380 superjumbos. There is also an expectation that Qatar Airways will sign a deal to equip a new low-cost carrier in the region.

But Boeing this week downplayed the likelihood of big deals at Farnborough, stressing it didn't save up orders for international shows — a dig at major rival Airbus' tendency in recent years to announce a block of attention-grabbing announcements at Farnborough and Le Bourget.

"At the end of the day, what matters is where we are at the end of the year, or over the longer term," said Randy Tinseth, Commercial Airplanes vice president for marketing. Potentially of more interest to industry watchers who use the biennial event to gauge the industry mood are the emerging signs that the old duopoly of Chicago-based Boeing and EADS-owned Airbus in the commercial plane making market is on the wane, particularly in the lucrative single-aisle, narrow-body sector. Boeing and Airbus currently account for more than two thirds of output and 40 percent of sales in the sector, but smaller rivals are stepping up — Canada's Bombardier Inc. picked up a strong 80-plane order earlier this year from Republic Airways Holding Inc. for its C-Series.

"The win at Republic is a wake up call for Airbus and Boeing," said Adam Pilarski, an aviation economist with Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm Avitas. "They thought the C-Series would sell to regional airlines but they sold to full service (airlines)."

Damien Lasou, managing director at Accenture's Aerospace and Defense Industry

Group in Paris, said analysts would be watching to see whether Bombardier develops the C-Series, which is on track for its first delivery in 2013, into a fully fledged family of planes.

"The aircraft is improving a lot of parameters like direct maintenance and fuel efficiency, but it's not with just one product you can satisfy the big airlines," he said.

Bombardier is not the only new challenger. China's state-owned Comac and Russia's Irkut will also be briefing potential investors at Farnborough on aircraft they plan to bring to market by 2016.

Boeing is hoping to retain some of the limelight with the international debut of the fuel-efficient 787.

The plane, made of lightweight composite material that makes it both cheaper to produce and more eco-friendly, is already two years behind schedule. Boeing said this week that the first delivery of the jetliner — scheduled for late this year to Japan's ANA — may slip into early 2011 because of inspections and instrument changes.

On the defense side of the show, some of the industry's most lucrative programs are being threatened by national budget cuts just as economies

start to improve.

In the U.S., the world's biggest single defense market, the Pentagon is looking to trim some \$100 billion of savings from personnel and procurement over the next five years. In Britain, Europe's largest market, the government is considering cuts of up to 20 percent.

Lasou said he expects a shift into services by many defense and aerospace companies as they look to new avenues to turn a profit. Leasing the use of weapons systems, rather than buying them outright, could reduce costs for governments while providing companies a steady stream of revenue, he said.

Britain has already scaled down its order for Airbus' A400M four-propeller military transport plane, which is expected to be a big draw in the daily flying display at Farnborough.

Airbus expects to start delivering A400Ms sometime after December 2012 — around four years behind schedule and 50 percent over budget because of technical glitches. The original seven customer nations for the aircraft — Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain and Turkey — agreed with Airbus' parent European Aeronautic Defence & Space Co. in March to spend an additional euro3.5 billion to save the project after months of bickering about who should pay for cost overruns.

Analysts will also be watching for developments in the bitter Boeing-Airbus battle to win a \$35 billion contest to provide aerial tankers to the U.S. Air Force — the World Trade Organization ruled earlier this month that European governments gave Airbus illegal subsidies for the project.





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## Bolt wins 100 meters at Paris Diamond League



Jamaican sprinters Asafa Powell, left, and Usain Bolt, right, frame Christophe Lemaitre of France in the Men's 100 meters during the Athletics Diamond League Areva meeting at Stade De France in Saint Denis, north of Paris, Friday, July 16, 2010.

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SAINT-DENIS, France  
(AP) — Olympic and World champion Usain Bolt recovered from a poor start to win the 100 meters at the Paris Diamond League meet in 9.84 seconds on Friday.

Bolt set a new meet record and beat fellow Jamaican Asafa Powell, who finished second in 9.91. Another Jamaican sprinter, Yohan Blake, was third in 9.95. "It wasn't the best race I've ever had in my life," said Bolt, who returned to

competition in Lausanne, Switzerland, on July 9 following an Achilles injury. "My first part was awful. At the 50 meters, I thought he (Asafa) had me. I had to work a little bit harder to get back in the race." Bolt, the world record holder in the 100 and 200, pulled away in the final meters to stay unbeaten at 100 for 14 consecutive finals. "It's all about determination," he said. "I want to be the best, to stay on top. When you run against the best, it always pushes you to do your best all the time. I'm happy, I escaped injuries and I won the race." Bolt and Powell, who share the fastest time this year at 9.82 seconds, met for the first time this season. Powell is the last man to have beaten Bolt in the 100, two years ago in Stockholm. American David Oliver posted the fastest time this year in the 110-meter hurdles, clocking 12.89 seconds, just 0.02 short of Dayron Robles' world record. It was enough, though, to take the American national record

outright from Dominique Arnold, who ran 12.90 in 2006. Oliver had equaled that mark at the Prefontaine Classic in Oregon two weeks ago. Under perfect weather conditions, with mild temperature and a slight tail wind, Oliver enjoyed a strong start and pulled away to win ahead of fellow American Ryan Wilson, who finished in 13.12. Another American sprinter, Ronnie Ashe, was third in 13.21. "The run overall was OK," Oliver told reporters. "I hit a few hurdles. I sat down on one of the hurdles, my hips dropped, that's a waste of time." He insisted he didn't regret missing the world record so narrowly. "You can't be frustrated," he said. "I'm winning, man. That's the most important thing — you're never frustrated when you win. "I won Paris, I get four more Diamond League points. I want to be the Diamond League champion, that helps my goal. I just want to win. If you don't win, you can't be great. I want to be great." Robles, the defending Olympic champion and world record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, pulled out of the meeting because of leg problems. The powerfully built Oliver had already clocked the previous season's best time, of 12.90, at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Oregon. No world record has ever been set on the fast Stade de France track. American Jeremy Wariner extended his unbeaten record in the Diamond League this season to four races, setting a season best of 44.49 seconds in the 400 meters. "It feels great. I'm getting back to where I was a few years ago," Wariner said.

"That's a big confidence boost for me right now." The 2004 Olympic champion, who underwent knee surgery last September, easily won ahead of Jermaine Gonzales of Jamaica, who finished in 44.63 to beat his personal best. Belgium Jonathan Borlee was third with 44.77. Wariner, who is hoping he will be able to run under 44 seconds before the end of the season, had set the previous season best of 44.57 last week in Lausanne. "I'm two months behind schedule in training because of the injuries I've had early on," he said. "For me, to come out here and still win four Diamond League races and have the world-leading time, that's a great confidence thing for me." Olympic champion Brimin Kipruto beat the previous season best he set in Lausanne, winning the 3,000 meters steeple in 8:00.90 seconds, while Abubaker Kaki of Sudan won the 800 in 1:43.50 ahead of world champion Mbulaeni Mulaudzi, who clocked 1:44.11. "Good weather, good pace, my personal best," Kipruto said. "You can't ask for more." After taking the US 100 meters title and the 400 in Eugene, American Allyson Felix won the 200 meters in 22.14 ahead of fellow American Shalonda Solomon, who finished in 22.55. "It's a decent time, but I wanted to go a little bit faster," Felix said. "But without Veronica Campbell-Brown in the race, it's always hard to push myself." Kenyan Vivian Cheruiyot won in 14:27.41, a world lead this season and a meet record. She won ahead of Sentayehu Ejigu of Ethiopia and double Olympic silver medalist Elvan Abeylegasse of Turkey.



This Sept. 30, 2000, file photo shows members of the U.S. women's 4X400 relay team, from left, Jearl Miles-Clark, Monique Hennagan, La Tasha Colander-Richardson (now Colander Clark), and Marion Jones displaying their gold medals during award ceremonies at the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. American sprinters who were stripped of their 2000 Olympics relay medals because teammate Marion Jones was doping have won an appeal to have them restored. The Court of Arbitration for Sport on Friday, July 16, 2010, ruled in favor of the women, who appealed the International Olympic Committee's decision to disqualify them from the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

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## Rodriguez wins Tour's 12th stage

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MENDE, France (AP) — Joaquin Rodriguez of Spain won a hilly 12th stage of the Tour de France on Friday, leading a two-man sprint finish with Alberto Contador — who gained 10 precious seconds in the title quest. Contador, the defending champion, and Rodriguez burst out of the pack in a steep final climb, dusting race leader Andy Schleck and the rest of the pack and overtaking several breakaway riders. Rodriguez, a 10-year veteran on the Katusha team riding in his first Tour, out-sprinted Contador in the last few hundred meters of the 131-mile course from Bourg-de-Peage to Mende. Rodriguez stretched out his arms, looked back and smiled as he nosed Contador at the line — clocking 4 hours, 58 minutes, 26 seconds. Contador's Astana teammate Alexandre Vinokourov was third, 4 seconds back. "I knew to anticipate, and I knew it was going to be difficult," said Rodriguez, who won the Volta of Catalunya in April. "I did it perfectly. I knew I'd be able to resist Alberto."

Rodriguez said he had ridden well in the Tours of Italy and Spain in the past, but "I just needed to win in the best race in the world" — referring to the Tour de France. Contador finished 10 seconds ahead of Schleck, who was fifth, and reduced his deficit to the Saxo Bank team leader from Luxembourg to 31 seconds. Samuel Sanchez of Spain was third overall, 2:45 back, after crossing alongside Schleck in sixth place. The finish was destined for drama. In the final kilometers, the pack scaled the La Croix Neuve pass — featuring nearly 1.2 miles at an average gradient of more than 10 percent. Vinokourov and three other breakaway riders were the first at the foot of the climb. At first he and Belarus rider Vasil Kiryienko slugged it out alone and the Kazakh star rode out alone. But with fewer than 2 kilometers to go, Contador caught Schleck off-guard by racing out wide in the climb and mustering a burst of speed. As the Spaniard rose up out of his saddle, his bike wagging side to side, Schleck couldn't

or wouldn't lay chase — and kept seated in a steady rhythm. The two Spaniards then overtook Vinokourov, who is riding in his first Tour after serving out a doping ban. The Kazakh rider was kicked out of the 2007 Tour for blood doping. Schleck sensed he wouldn't keep up with Contador. "I knew this was going to be a really tough climb," he said of La Croix Neuve. "I don't like this climb, it doesn't fit me. It's short and steep and you have to be explosive — not right for the kind of rider that I am. "I'm happy I lost only 10 seconds in the end," said Schleck. "I was not so surprised I couldn't stay with him in this climb." Contador, too, thought he would have gained more time. "I like this climb a lot. I felt good. I attacked too late, and I didn't know



Joaquin Rodriguez Oliver of Spain, left, crosses the finish line to win the 12th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 130.8 miles with start in Bourg-de-Peage, and finish in Mende, France, Friday, July 16, 2010, ahead of Alberto Contador of Spain, who took second place.

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what state Andy was in," he said. "I was able to get a few seconds, it's good — it shows 'm in form. "It's always good to reduce the deficit, but it would've been better to get more than 10 seconds." Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong, who has ruled himself out of contention in his final

Tour, lost time to the leader for a third straight day — crossing in 57th place, 3:35 back of Rodriguez. He's 32nd overall, 21:16 behind Schleck. Tour organizers said U.S. sprint specialist Tyler Farrar of the Garmin-Transitions team dropped out of the race during Friday's stage. They and his team didn't immediately explain why.

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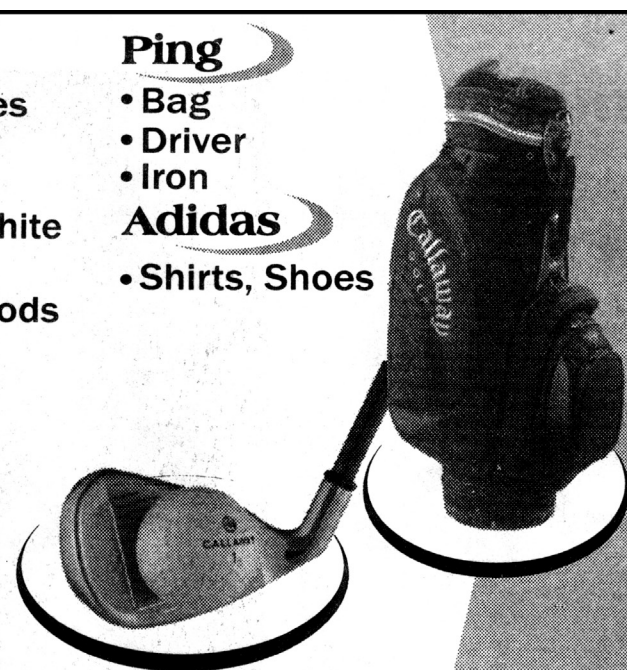
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NL Roundup

# Heyward helps Jurrjens as Braves beat Brewers, 2-1



Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Jair Jurrjens works in the first inning a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Atlanta.

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ATLANTA (AP) — Jair Jurrjens gave up only one run, rookie Jason Heyward made two strong defensive plays in his return from an injury as the Atlanta Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 on Thursday. Martin Prado and Chipper Jones hit home runs in the third inning off Dave Bush (4-7). Corey Hart's 22nd homer gave Milwaukee a 1-0 lead in the first inning. It was the only run allowed by Jurrjens, who gave up five hits and two walks with three strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings. **Cardinals 7, Dodgers 1** At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter allowed four hits in eight innings to improve to 6-0 against the Los Angeles Dodgers as St. Louis chased an off-kilter Clayton Kershaw early. Allen Craig had two RBIs without a hit off Kershaw (9-5), who issued consecutive walks on 11 pitches to

start the Cardinals' two-run first, meriting a quick visit from pitching coach Rick Honeycutt. Carpenter (10-3) struck out six with no walks. Andre Ethier homered and singled for the Dodgers, who committed errors on consecutive plays in St. Louis' two-run fourth. **Cubs 12, Phillies 6** At Chicago, Aramis Ramirez hit a pair of two-run doubles, and Derrek Lee and Geovany Soto each had two-run homers to lead Chicago to a win over Philadelphia. Alfonso Soriano also hit a solo homer for the Cubs, who scored nine of their 12 runs with two outs. Cubs starter Ryan Dempster allowed two runs on six hits with three walks and nine strikeouts. Dempster (8-7) rebounded after allowing a long two-run homer to Ryan Howard in the first inning. **Giants 2, Mets 0**

At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum pitched a six-hitter for his fourth career shutout and Pablo Sandoval hit an RBI double to help the San Francisco Giants open the second half of the season with a victory over the New York Mets. Lincecum (10-4) is coming off his third straight trip to the All-Star game, but was able to start the first game after the break because he was not used in Tuesday night's game in Anaheim. The Giants fans who may have been disappointed not to see their two-time Cy Young winner appear in the All-Star game were more than happy to see him dominate in a matchup that counts in the standings for the Giants. They cheered loudly when he was sent to bat in the bottom of the eighth inning and he responded by slapping a single to left

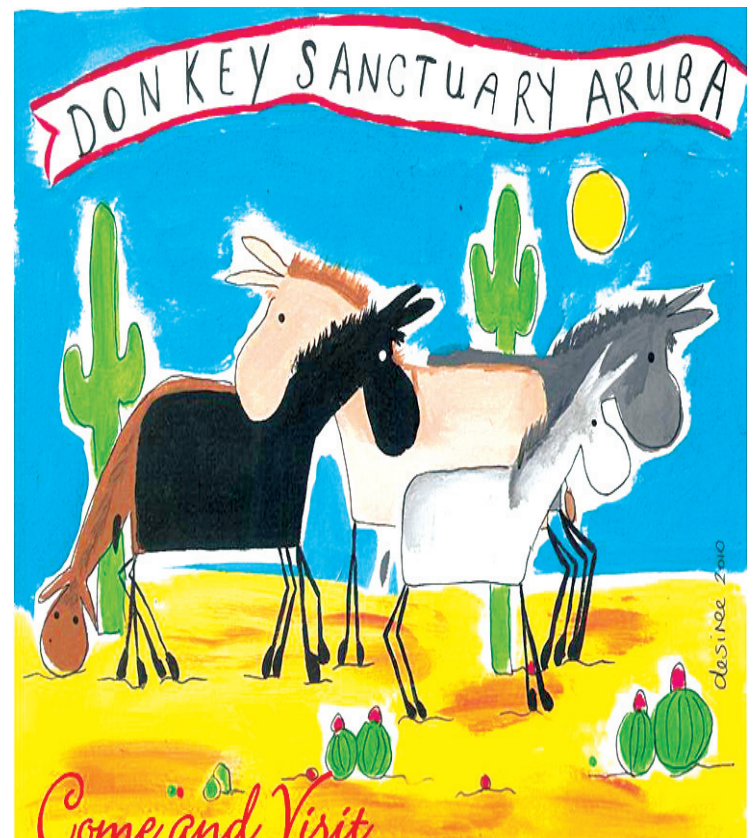
field. He then finished the Mets off on the mound with a perfect ninth for his first shutout since throwing a two-hitter against St. Louis on June 29, 2009. San Francisco has won eight of 10 games following a seven-game losing streak. The Mets' only real threat against Lincecum came in the fifth inning when Josh Thole hit a line drive through the box that

glanced off Lincecum's back for a single. That put runners on first and second with no outs. But Lincecum retired the next three hitters, getting Angel Pagan on a flyout to right field with runners on second and third to escape the jam. **In other NL games it was Atlanta 2, Milwaukee 1; Chicago Cubs 12, Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 7, L.A. Dodgers 1; and San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0.**

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set in Lausanne, winning the 3,000 meters steeple in 8:00.90 seconds, while Abubaker Kaki of Sudan won the 800 in 1:43.50 ahead of world champion Mbulaeni Mulaudzi, who clocked 1:44.11. "Good weather, good pace, my personal best," Kipruto said. "You can't ask for more." After taking the US 100 meters title and the 400 in Eugene, American Allyson Felix won the 200 meters in 22.14 ahead of fellow American Shalonda Solomon, who finished in 22.55. "It's a decent time, but

I wanted to go a little bit faster," Felix said. "But without Veronica Campbell-Brown in the race, it's always hard to push myself." Kenyan Vivian Cheruiyot won in 14:27.41, a world lead this season and a meet record. She won ahead of Sentayehu Ejigu of Ethiopia and double Olympic silver medalist Elvan Abeylegasse of Turkey. American Brittney Reese won the long jump with a mark of 6.79 meters and Nadezhda Ostapchuk of Belarus won the shot put with a throw at 20.78, another meet record.





## AL Roundup

# White Sox take 1st game against Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gordon Beckham hit a home run and had two RBIs as John Danks recovered from his worst inning of the season to help the Chicago White Sox win their ninth game in a row, 8-7 over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday. Danks (9-7) gave up six runs on six hits in the second inning, but only allowed three hits in his other five scoreless innings and the White Sox did all the little things right to push the slumping Twins 4½ games behind them in the AL Central. Bobby Jenks picked up his 20th save in 21 chances. He struck out Orlando Hudson with the bases loaded in the eighth inning, then gave up an RBI-single to

Delmon Young in the ninth before getting Jim Thome looking to end the game. Chicago perfectly executed four hit-and-runs, bunted runners over and played superb defense for their 26th win in the last 31 games. **Rangers 7, Red Sox 2** At Boston, Josh Hamilton had three doubles to take over the major league batting lead and help Texas get off to a quick start in the second half by beating Boston. Hamilton improved his average to .351 before leaving in the seventh inning with soreness in his right knee. Nelson Cruz and Vladimir Guerrero also had three hits, and Bengie Molina homered in the six-run first inning to help the

Rangers halt a four-game losing streak. Tommy Hunter (6-0) held Boston to five hits before leaving with a 7-2 lead with two outs in the seventh. J.D. Drew and Bill Hall homered for Boston, which has lost six of its last eight games. **Angels 8, Mariners 3** At Anaheim, California, Erick Aybar and Bobby Abreu drove in three runs apiece, Joel Pineiro won his seventh straight decision as the Los Angeles Angels returned from hosting the All-Star game with an 8-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners. Howie Kendrick had a run-scoring double for the Angels, who stumbled into the break with eight losses in 10 games, including a



Chicago White Sox's Juan Pierre hits the deck after a close pitch by Minnesota Twins' Jesse Crain in the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 15, 2010, in Minneapolis. Associated Press

1-6 road trip on which they were outscored 44-14. Los Angeles pounded out 16 hits against the Mariners, with every starter except All-Star cleanup hitter Torii Hunter getting at least one. All-Star Ichiro Suzuki hit a three-run double

and threw out the speedy Aybar at the plate for the last-place Mariners, who have lost 10 of 12. **In other AL games it was Texas 7, Boston 2; Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 7; and L.A. Angels 8, Seattle 3**



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# Oosthuizen surges to 3-shot lead at British Open

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ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen surged to a five-stroke lead in the morning, then watched from the comfort of his hotel as first-round leader Rory McIlroy and plenty of others stumbled in the blustery conditions. The flags flapped wildly, caps blew down the fairways and there were 80s all over the scoreboard, including one by McIlroy's name. The 21-year-old hotshot from Northern Ireland went from the lowest score ever in a major championship to an 8-over 80. No other player has ever taken a bigger tumble after shooting 63 in one of golf's biggest events. It left him with an 11-shot deficit heading to the weekend. Despite sunny skies mixed with puffy white clouds, officials decided the Old Course was unplayable because the wind was gusting to 41 mph, causing balls to wobble on some of the exposed greens, especially those along St. Andrews Bay. Second-round play was suspended 1 hour, 5 minutes at midafternoon, shortly after Phil Mickelson finished his round in brutally tough conditions and Tiger Woods had teed off. The last 10 groups failed to finish, meaning 30 players — including England's Steven Tieley, tied for third at 6 under — will have to come back at 6:30 a.m. local time Saturday to finish their rounds. The last wind delay at the British Open was at Royal Birkdale in 1998, when gusts reached 40 mph, forcing a 38-minute stoppage during the second round. No one seemed more hurt by it than McIlroy, who had parred the first three holes. After the delay, he bogeyed No. 4 — and three of the next four holes, as well. "It was just very, very difficult out there," McIlroy said. "I just let it get away from me a little bit." During the break, players returned to their lounge near the first tee to wait



South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen reacts to putt on the 18th green during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday, July 16, 2010. Associated Press

for conditions to calm. Caddies sprawled on a grassy knoll, munching on sandwiches and bananas. Some fans claimed a patch of ground and caught a nap. Oosthuizen (WUHST'-hizen), a 27-year-old from Mossel Bay whose given name is Lodewicus Theodorus, shot a 5-under 67 for a 12-under 132 at the midway point of the tournament. He was done before McIlroy teed off, hoping to put up another solid round after tying the major-championship record with a 63 on Thursday. Not in these conditions. Mark Calcavecchia, trying to strike another blow for the senior circuit, was closest to Oosthuizen among those in the clubhouse. The 50-year-old American shot a 67 that left him at 137, with Lee Westwood and Paul Casey another shot behind. Woods held on in wind that was gusting more than 30 mph even after play resumed. He bogeyed the first two holes, but a fortunate break at the par-5 fifth helped him pick up his first birdie of the day.

His second shot was sailing right, toward the treacherous rough, but the ball struck a golf cart loaded with television equipment and stopped in the short grass. Woods was able to get up and down from there, leaving him 4 under for the tournament as he approached the midway point of his round. Woods nearly finished with a flourish, driving the green — the ball skidding about a foot wide of the flag — on the par-4 18th hole. He missed the 20-footer for eagle but tapped in for birdie at a 73 that kept him in contention for the weekend, though eight strokes behind Oosthuizen. "I'm not exactly where I want to be," Woods said. "I'm not at 12-under par." Woods is trying to win his third straight Open at St. Andrews, having romped to victories in 2000 and 2005. Before he putted out, Tom Watson made what was likely his final walk over Swilcan Bridge. The 60-year-old who nearly won last year at Turnberry was likely to miss the cut after shooting 75, but he paused to kiss the famous stone walkway

and posed atop it long enough for everyone to get a picture. "When I first played here, I didn't like it," Watson said. "But I learned to like it and, eventually, to love it." The weather made it a typical British Open roller-coaster of a day. The early starters found blue skies when they arrived, but heavy rains rolled in shortly after the start of the round. The sun peeked through the clouds again, then more showers struck just before noon. "I got up this morning and it wasn't looking real pretty at 4:30," said Calcavecchia, who played in the first group. "It was actually beautiful when we teed off. Then we saw a little bit of everything." Oosthuizen wasn't worried about any of that, and he was already done when the wind started to blow around lunchtime. "I'm very confident with the way I'm playing," he said. "It's probably the position anyone wants to be in playing a major on the weekend, and I think it's what we work to achieve, and I'm just very happy with the two rounds I put together." There was nothing to indicate he might contend at golf's oldest major championship. He missed the cut this year at the Masters and the U.S. Open, and did the same at last week's Scottish Open. This is only the second time he'll make the cut in nine major appearances. The other time, at the 2008 PGA Championship at Oakland Hills, he finished last among those playing on the weekend. But he did claim his first win on the European Tour this year, earning a spot at Augusta National. With the wind at his back, Oosthuizen went with shorter clubs off the tee to keep the dreaded pot bunkers out of play. He got a bit wild on the back nine, starting out birdie-bogey-birdie-bogey-birdie before he settled down with a couple of pars and a 15-foot birdie at the final hole to leave him with a good feeling going to a weekend that will be like none he's

ever experienced before. Oosthuizen strung together three birdies in a row beginning at the par-5 fifth, where a driver and a 4-iron left him with a chip that he left 5 feet from the flag. Maybe if he's walking up the 18th fairway with the claret jug in his grasp come Sunday, someone will break out the vuvuzelas, those South African horns that made the World Cup sound as though it was under attack from swarming bees. Until then, he said, leave them at home. "On the golf course? No, not on the golf course," Oosthuizen said. Westwood gave no indication that he's bothered by a ruptured muscle in his right calf. The world's No. 3 player, generally recognized as the best player without a major title, followed an opening 67 with a solid 71. Casey managed a 69 despite a triple-bogey at No. 17, the famed "Road Hole." A drive into the thick rough left of the fairway led to big trouble; even aiming sideways, he needed two whacks to get out, then he came up short on the approach and two putted for a 7. Calcavecchia? Nothing new about a senior holding lofty status at this event. The American will try to finish what was started by 53-year-old Greg Norman (the 54-hole leader in 2008) and Watson (who had a potential winning putt on the 72nd hole last year at age 59). Both came up short of becoming the oldest major champion in golf history, a title that still belongs to Julius Boros, who was 48 when he captured the 1968 PGA. "You see a guy like Tom Watson last year, almost winning when he was almost 60, and you realize that it doesn't really matter how old you are," said Calcavecchia, relishing his best round ever at St. Andrews. "The old guys can hang with the young guys." Mickelson, who made only one birdie in his opening round of 73, went out with hopes of getting back into the mix — or at least to avoid going home.





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## Chavez exhumes Simon Bolivar



Hugo Chavez has opened the tomb of his idol Simon Bolivar as the Venezuelan government investigates the president's suspicions of foul play in the South American independence hero's death nearly two centuries ago.

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together with the Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber and his wife Lissette, amongst other Aruban dignitaries. The admiration for their achievements in South Africa was demonstrated in full force upon their arrival at the Queen Beatrix Airport



on Thursday afternoon. Giovanni van Bronckhorst and Andre Ooijer also traveled down to the 'One Happy Island' for a holiday. This coming Tuesday, the players of the Dutch national team

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The Ultimate Black Dress Fashion Show enjoyed the sponsorship of Johnny Walker Black Label, distributed by the Aruba Trading Company, reflecting the glamour and

chic ambiance of the evening, says Marketing Manager, Ana Maria Ramirez, who help put the event together. It was also broadcast live on ATV, channel 15.





Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen says Chavez' accusations unfounded

# Aruban PM Eman meets with Minister Verhagen



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Venezuela's accusations that the Dutch Navy violated its airspace "have absolutely no basis in fact" according to the Netherlands' outgoing Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen. Addressing the issue on a working visit to Curaçao, an island in the Netherlands Antilles, Mr Verhagen spoke out in response to a complaint issued by the Venezuelan government earlier this week.

The Dutch minister insists that no violation of Venezuelan airspace took place, commenting that

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## Fundamentals 1 – Know What You Want

When we first learn something, we learn the basics. Our knowledge then expands and grows more complex as we delve deeper into a subject. At first a deeper understanding helps us make more sophisticated decisions more quickly. As our knowledge becomes more complex however, it is easy to forget the basics. For the next few days, we'll get back to the basics of three dimensional manifestation. We'll talk about how to consciously direct your life toward any goal and how to feel good about your efforts at the end of each day. Lets get started.

Manifestation begins with Desire, but unfocused and incorrectly-focused Desire wastes energy and causes frustration. We all have Desire, but how many of us truly know what we want? If your daily demands disappeared, how would you choose to spend your time? Where would you choose to put your energy? What would you pursue? How would you

challenge yourself? What actions and emotions would fill your days?

In order to strive for something, you have to know what you want. If you don't know what you want, start with a general idea of what your perfect life will be like in 3 years. Imagine your future just the way you want it, then narrow down the details. Take your mind in any direction. In your future life, what thoughts make you smile? Where does your sense of contentment come from? What do you strive for? Where are your challenges? What are the details of your daily life? Before you know it, you'll have a clear idea of what you want your future to be like.

To help define your goal, look for your Passionate Emotion. What thrills you? What breaks your heart? What efforts and actions are you engrossed in, when Time disappears? This will tell you where to direct your energy, and that will help you define your goals. It is OK if you don't have very specific

goals at first. Your goals and your life will become more defined in each moment as you travel down your Path of Passion.

If it all sounds like fluff at this point, remember that three dimensional manifestation begins in the human imagination. Knowing what we want is the first step to getting it.

A conscious goal is the first step toward directing your life because it acts as a directional beacon for your thoughts, emotions and actions. Without a goal in mind, our thoughts emotions and actions can contradict and counteract each other. When they act together, they build on each other's efforts, creating a powerful unified force propelling us to where we want to go. Tomorrow we will explore how to use your Imagination to align your emotions with your desires.

Until Tomorrow...

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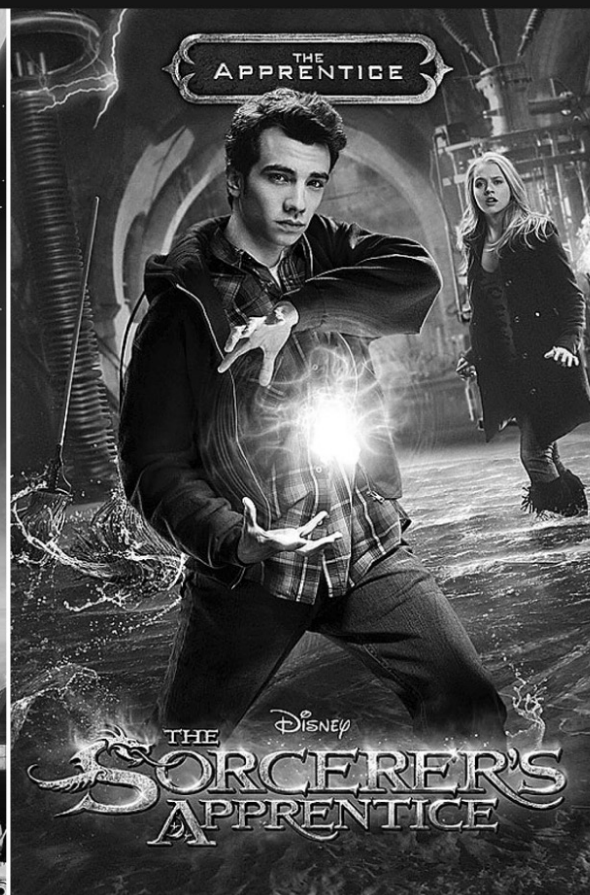
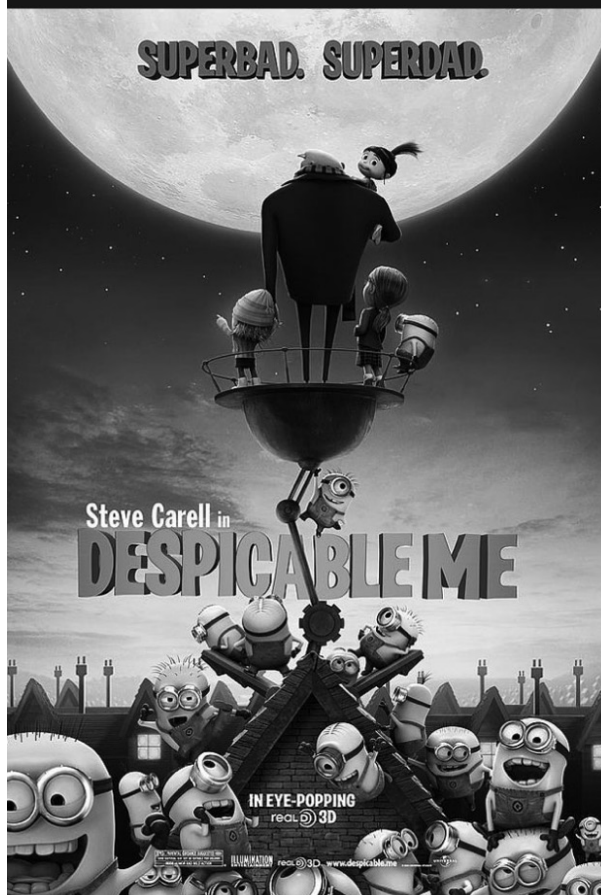
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## On board the Kukoo Kunuku

# Jennifer & Will celebrate upcoming nuptials



The California Lighthouse – Jennifer & Will chartered the Kukoo Kunuku bus for an all-night party, with 38 of their family members and friends. Their unforgettable Aruba adventure began at the

California Lighthouse with a champagne toast at sunset, and continued at the home of Aruba's former head-of-government-protocol, Atan Lee, with delicious dinner around the pool, in the tropical

garden. Three entertaining stops at different local bars followed with Chasers, Tomazu and U

Wanna Beer, making up the fun list of colorful watering holes. Maurice and Julisa hosted the party on behalf of

Kukoo Kunuku, promising to bring everybody back in time for the Renaissance Island wedding ceremony!





# Aqua Windie's Swim Center Hosts Summer Camps



EAGLE BEACH -- Aqua Windie's Summer Camps pack activities for kids and teens with sessions starting July 19th, July 26, Aug 2nd & Aug 9th. The Summer Camp offers activities Monday to Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and promises to keep children busy, challenged & entertained, while supervised by professional instructors in a disciplined, safe, clean and structured environment. Among activities planned: Body Boarding, Snorkeling at Boca Catalina & Mangel Halto, Fish Identification,



Pool Games in the semi-Olympic swimming pool of Aqua Windie's as well as Adventure Days on the North coast & Grapefield, Shelling,

PADI Scuba Camp for kids over 12, Basic Scuba for kids over 8, Canoeing at Mangel Halto and much more. Aqua Windie's Swim Center

also offers Parents Off Day, every Saturday, and the possibility to drop off your children, 4 years and older, for 4 hours of fun in the pool.

## Canadians Eric & Lisa fall in love with Aruba



PALM BEACH - Eric and Lisa are from Canada and they are in Aruba for 2

weeks. This is their second trip to Aruba and they are staying at Marriott's Surf



Club. They have been snorkeling everyday with Kent Gerber who is here for his 20th trip enjoying the time of his life with lots of new and old friends. Eric and Lisa went to Club Arias for Pizza night and have been eating breakfast there with Chef Gabriel. They are all going on a helicopter ride and they are loving every minute in Aruba. Lisa is a teacher and a life guard, Eric is a helicopter tech in Canada. They would really like to come back to Aruba every year if it works out.



# Summer at Tierra Del Sol full of Tennis, Golf and Fun



WEST PUNT -- Tierra del Sol has been hosting a summer camp for kids packed with tennis, golf and pool activities for the past few years.

This year is no different and while the first group of summer campers enjoyed a week under the watchful eye of Golf Pro Adam Williamson, the second two groups are planned for the upcoming two weeks, 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp focuses on tennis in the morning with the resort's Tennis Pro, then after lunch catered by the Look Out Grill the kids receive golf instruction with the pros. They finish the day in the pool, cooling off from an active day.

To sign up your kids 6 to 12 years old, call the Pro Shop or e-mail [teetime@tierradelsol.com](mailto:teetime@tierradelsol.com)

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*Simon Bolivar died of tuberculosis in 1830, Chavez thinks otherwise?*

## Chavez orders Bolivar's tomb exhumed after nearly 2 centuries

CARACAS, Venezuela — Hugo Chavez has opened the tomb of his idol Simon Bolivar as the Venezuelan government investigates the president's suspicions of foul play in the South American independence hero's death nearly two centuries ago.

Chavez announced the exhumation of Bolivar's remains early Friday on Twitter, saying he wept with emotion seeing the "glorious skeleton" of the man he calls the inspiration of his Bolivarian Revolution.

While historians say it's well-established that Bolivar died of tuberculosis in 1830, Chavez has another theory, saying he suspects Bolivar was murdered — even though he acknowledges it may be impossible to prove.

Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said more than 50 experts and other professionals ranging from criminal investigators to pathologists have been involved in examining the remains.

Shortly after midnight, the first tweet from Chavez appeared: "What impressive moments we have lived tonight!! We have seen the remains of the Great Bolivar!"

"Our father who is in the earth, the water and the air ... You awake every hundred years when the people awaken," Chavez said. "I confess that we have cried, we have sworn allegiance."

The president often speaks under a portrait of "The Liberator" and quotes his

words. Chavez also renamed the country the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and say he's creating a socialist system based on Bolivar's ideals.

Chavez first suggested in December 2007 that Venezuela should open Bolivar's coffin to examine the remains, saying doubts about the causes of his death warrant a full investigation. It was unclear why the government decided to move ahead with the investigation now.

"That glorious skeleton has to be Bolivar, because his flame can be felt. My God," Chavez said in another tweet. "Bolivar lives... We are his flame!"

Bolivar's remains have been enclosed in a tomb at the National Pantheon in Caracas since 1876. Foreign leaders visiting Chavez often pay homage at the tomb with flower-laying ceremonies.

Earlier this month, Chavez oversaw another ceremony in which the symbolic remains of Bolivar's lover Manuela Saenz, credited by some with helping him liberate several nations from Spanish rule, were moved to the National Pantheon.

Saenz died during a diphtheria epidemic in 1856. Her body was burned and dumped, along with those of many other victims, in a mass grave in Ecuador. At the ceremony earlier this month, Chavez and Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa placed earth gathered from the grave where Saenz was buried next to Bolivar's tomb.



*Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez gestures during a meeting with the athletes that will compete in the Central American Games at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Wednesday, July 14, 2010. The games will be held July 16-Aug. 1 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The painting at back portraits Venezuelan independence hero Simon Bolivar. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)*

## Dutch-Venezuelan relations in the Caribbean continue to deteriorate

A certain amount of speculation has arisen over the visit of Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen to Curacao. According to a report in the Wall Street Journal, it was not clear whether the Minister's visit had anything to do with Venezuela's protest note about a Dutch warplane straying into Venezuelan territory on three occasions.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Nicolas Maduro had branded the incursions as a provocation.

The immediate reaction of the Dutch government in The Netherlands was to dismiss the provocation charge as nonsense and deny any violation of Venezuelan airspace.

President Chavez' concern is about the presence of US military spy stations in Aruba and Curacao islands, which are located near Venezuela's western

mainland. The President said his country has up-to-date monitoring and defense capabilities and proof of the incursions.

The Dutch Embassy in Caracas has confirmed Verhagen's visit but not any special visit to Venezuela to meet Minister Maduro for consultations.

President Chavez has challenged Dutch sovereignty over Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire, calling it twenty-first century colonialism.

Dutch member of parliament, Harry van Bommel has criticized his government for the dismissive language used to deny the incursion, saying it was not very helpful to good relations.

It would appear that some Dutch politicians are uneasy about the closeness of the US-Dutch military rapport in the Caribbean and the overlapping of joint anti-narcotics and spying missions.



# Omega imbalance can make obesity 'inheritable'

Overeating combined with the wrong mix of fats in one's diet can cause obesity to be carried over from one generation to the next, researchers in France reported Friday.

Omega-6 and omega-3, both polyunsaturated fatty acids, are each critical to good health.

But too much of the first and not enough of the second can lead to overweight offspring, the scientists showed in experiments with mice designed to mirror recent shifts in human diet. Over the last four decades, the ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 in a typical Western diet has shifted from a healthy five-to-one to 15-to-one in much of Europe, and up to 40-to-one in the United States.

In the breast milk of American women, the average ratio has gone from six-to-one to 18-to-one. Earlier studies have established a link between such imbalances and heart disease. But "this is the first time that we have shown a trans-generational increase in obesity" linked to omega intake, said Gerard Ailhaud, a biochemist at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis and main architect of the study.



"Omega six is like a fat-producing bomb," he told AFP by phone.

Experts differ on whether obesity is more importantly due to the percentage of fat in one's diet or the sheer amount of calories consumed.

The findings, published in the US-based Journal of Lipid Research, add yet another dimension to the debate, and could shed new light on the obesity

epidemic that has swept across the globe, mainly in rich nations.

They also suggest that persistence within families of health-threatening weight gain -- while not genetic in origin -- may not be entirely due to environmental factors either.

The link between omega imbalance and obesity "is probably epigenetic," said Ailhaud, referring to the complex process whereby

the information in genes is translated into chemical activity.

"The genome and the DNA of the rodents has not been modified, but these factors can influence the way in which certain genes are expressed."

In the experiments, four generations of mice were fed a 35-percent fat diet with the omega imbalance now found in much of the developed world.

The result was progressively fatter mice at birth, generation after generation. The rodents also developed insulin-resistance, a telltale symptom for diabetes 2, one of the most common -- and debilitating -- consequences of obesity in humans.

The equally undesirable increase in omega-6 and drop in omega-3 can be partly explained by the change from grass-fed to grain-fed livestock, Ailhaud explained.

Grass is rich in omega-3.

"But to increase productivity, feed was shifted to grain meal, especially corn, which contains a high concentration of omega-6," he said.

Adding a small quantity of flaxseed oil to animal feed could help restore a healthy omega balance in meat and dairy products, he added.

There are three types of fatty acids -- saturated fats, monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats.

In France, health authorities recommend that fat intake should be between 30 and 40 percent of calories consumed, while the US Food and Drug Administration suggests a range of 20-to-30 percent.

Both governments agree that most of that intake should be from polyunsaturated and monosaturated fats such as fish, nuts and vegetable oils rather than the saturated fats found in red meat and dairy product

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# BIG DREAMS FOR HAITI, BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST



It has been six months since the pitiless earthquake hit Haiti last winter. So now we are hearing -- yet again -- extravagant promises, voiced only in the uncertain language of hope, about Haiti's coming historic moment in the sun. The jammed-full third of the island of Hispaniola that is Haiti could now face a "time of opportunity, of challenge," Bill Clinton, co-chair of the Interim Committee for the Reconstruction of Haiti, said this week. It could have an education

system for the first time, an economic investment climate for the first time and a health system for the first time. It could become interdependent with other Caribbean islands. The denuded island, where all but 2 percent of the trees have been cut down for charcoal and most of the topsoil lost to the sea, could become a "museum of 21st-century architecture," according to the enthusiastic words of government planner Leslie Voltaire. Port-au-Prince,

now lying in ruins, will be transformed into a "Zen city," balanced and serene -- the key industrial city of the Caribbean.

All that sounds grand -- and one can only wish the long-suffering Haitian people far, far more good fortune than they have been awarded by cruel fate. But how about starting with clearing some of the "cities" of rubble? How about moving more of the poor and hungry to temporary towns outside the city so one can begin to plan and build? What about instituting land reform, only this time in the cities, where the self-indulgent mulatto upper classes are now using real or putative land ownership to either make fortunes and/or to halt any real progress that would bring Haiti, which is not even a developing nation, into the 19th century?

And what about looking closely at the elections scheduled for November -- and thinking instead about instituting a temporary technocratic ruling body for, say, two years that would/could/might carry through reforms for once? By all reports, the situation on the ground is deplorable -- no, let's say inhuman. Six months after receiving promises of \$5.2 billion from international donors, the General Hospital, the major one in the capital, is about to shut down, and smaller ones are following. There is no big machinery moving the omnipresent rubble, only individual Haitians, who are being paid by the day by NGOs. The fly in the poisoned

ointment of healing is an old one: Haiti's greedy and tendentious bureaucracy is stopping supplies, demanding 20 percent taxes, from entering the country; once through this barrier, supplies are piled up in warehouses, with no means to distribute them; and Haiti's overpopulation -- from 6 million in the early '90s to 10 million today -- overwhelms every attempt to help.

The possibility of what could happen in Haiti, given these ingredients for disaster, is terrifying. In most countries historically, this kind of recipe would call forth a leader to rebel against all the cruel dictators who came after Haiti's early (1804) glorious independence.

But there is no indication, at least not yet, of any such movement. Instead, what Haiti could have, if things do not get better, is simply a devolution into anomie -- a collapse into mass hopelessness that could lead to a modern-day anarchy that we have not yet experienced, even in the Third World.

Instead of a man on a white horse, you would no longer even have the horse!

Bill Clinton, along with Haiti's prime minister, chairs the committee of 26 leading citizens to plan the future, but the committee recently met for only the first time (not a good sign).

Clinton himself comes to the job with a notably bad record. It was his administration that went along with trade sanctions against Haiti, issued on

behalf of returning the half-crazy former Salesian priest, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to power. What the sanctions managed to do was to destroy the country's small industries, such as the production of baseballs. All was done in the noble name of "democracy"!

Equally disastrous, in 1986, under pressure from the U.S. and other governments, Haiti removed its tariff on imported rice. Soon, domestic rice production, by which Haitians had fed themselves, was replaced to the order of 75 percent American rice. All was done in the sacrosanct name of "globalization"!

Yet this time around, Bill Clinton seems ready, serious and even eager for the job. He has been to Haiti six times since January, and has, astonishingly, admitted his previous mistakes there.

One pauses to dream. Couldn't his committee call forth the best of Haitian youth to serve as a kind of uniformed constabulary across the island, empowered as an interim force between the committee and the people for a set period of time? Could such a force break the distribution logjams and act as ombudsmen for the people? Isn't it time to think of new ways in place of the rotting old ways?

Haiti needs genuine power at the top and decent interlocutors with the people, before a better class of elected local leaders can emerge. The first question for the committee should be how to get that done.

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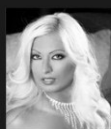
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# Venezuela entregó protesta a Colombia y retiró a su embajador

**CARACAS (AP)** - Venezuela presentó el viernes una nota de protesta en la embajada de Colombia para rechazar la denuncia de Bogotá sobre la presencia de jefes guerrilleros colombianos en Venezuela, y llamó a consultas al diplomático venezolano destacado en la capital colombiana, anunció el canciller Nicolás Maduro.

En una cadena de radio y televisión, el presidente Hugo Chávez rechazó el viernes la denuncia y afirmó que la “extrema derecha” colombiana está tratando de generar “un gran conflicto”. Chávez llamó al país a estar alerta ante lo que consideró el “desespero” del mandatario colombiano Alvaro Uribe.

**“El presidente Uribe es en verdad un mafioso y es capaz de cualquier cosa, porque está lleno de odio y fracasó rotundamente en su intento de aislar a Venezuela”, indicó Chávez, y aseguró que “no voy a caer en provocaciones”.**

Agregó que el gobierno saliente de Uribe, con el respaldo de Estados Unidos, está tratando de “sembrar minas” para evitar una “probable reconciliación” entre Caracas y Bogotá.

Maduro rechazó en conferencia de prensa los señalamientos del gobierno de Uribe, considerándolos como “una olla podrida llena de falsos positivos mediáticos”, y dijo que el gobierno venezolano irá evaluando en el transcurso de las próximas horas nuevas medidas “políticas” y “diplomáticas” que garanticen que “este rechazo sea sometida a su justo lugar”.

El canciller informó que

había entregado una nota de protesta a la embajadora colombiana María Luisa Chiappe, y que el diplomático venezolano Gustavo Márquez fue llamado a Caracas para evaluar la “arremetida” de Colombia.

“El gobierno de Uribe ha decidido arremeter contra el pueblo venezolano, ha decidido dinamitar las posibilidades de un avance” en las relaciones, afirmó Maduro.

En un nuevo capítulo de los roces entre Colombia y Venezuela, el gobierno de Chávez condenó el viernes en un comunicado de la cancillería la denuncia que realizó Bogotá en torno a la presencia en territorio venezolano de algunos jefes de las FARC y el ELN, y afirmó que la “nueva arremetida” de Uribe busca la “destrucción de las relaciones”.

“El patético espectáculo mediático ofrecido el día jueves 15 de julio, constituye un intento desesperado por minar el terreno de una eventual normalización de las relaciones bilaterales, donde no ha faltado la intriga de la embajada de los Estados Unidos en Bogotá”, señaló el comunicado.

El gobierno de Uribe anunció el viernes en Bogotá que tiene en mente acudir a instancias internacionales para denunciar que autoridades venezolanas les dan cabida en ese país a algunos jefes de las guerrillas de las FARC y el ELN.

En un comunicado Bogotá aseguró que “durante seis años el gobierno colombiano sostuvo un diálogo paciente con el gobierno de Venezuela, al cual, en varias ocasiones, dio informaciones sobre localización de terroristas en

ese territorio”. Pese a ese diálogo, agregó, “todo fue infructuoso en relación con cabecillas terroristas”. En consecuencia,

concluyó, “debemos pensar nuevamente en acudir a las instancias internacionales”. Tras el comunicado, el

presidente Uribe dijo a los reporteros que las denuncias de su gobierno sólo tenían un fin: “una patria libre de la pesadilla del terrorismo”.

## Muertos ligados a narco México superan 7,000 en 2010



*Imagen de archivo de soldados patrullando en la escena de un crimen, en Monterrey. Jun 16 2010. Los asesinatos relacionados con el narcotráfico en México rebasan los 7,000 en lo que va del año, frente a los más de 9,000 que se registraron en todo el 2009, dijo el viernes el procurador (fiscal) general, Arturo Chávez, en un muestra de la escalada de violencia. REUTERS/Kristian Lopez/ARCHIVO*

**MEXICO DF (Reuters)** - Los asesinatos relacionados con el narcotráfico en México rebasan los 7,000 en lo que va del año, frente a los más de 9,000 en todo el 2009, dijo el viernes el fiscal general, Arturo Chávez, en medio de una escalada de violencia desatada por los cárteles.

En amplias zonas del país, y principalmente en la frontera Ciudad Juárez, la violencia está sin control pese al patrullaje de miles de militares y policías federales.

Chávez dijo que los asesinatos suman 24,826 desde que asumió el presidente Felipe Calderón, en diciembre del 2006, y lanzó una guerra frontal contra los cárteles de la droga, que se enfrentan contra las fuerzas de seguridad y entre sí por las lucrativas rutas hacia Estados Unidos, el principal mercado.

Los conteos de la prensa local indican que más de 26,000 personas han muerto por la violencia del narcotráfico desde que Calderón llegó a la presidencia.



## Lula: Brasil tiene mejor tecnología que British Petroleum

**SAO PAULO (AP)** - El presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva afirmó el viernes que Brasil tiene mejor tecnología que British Petroleum y descartó un posible derrame de crudo en sus exploraciones petroleras de aguas profundas. Al inaugurar un proyecto urbanístico en la periferia industrial de Sao Paulo, Lula afirmó que el accidente petrolero en un pozo de la empresa británica en el Golfo de México puso de manifiesto que “lo barato sale caro” “Nosotros tenemos más tecnología que aquella empresa inglesa que causó el derrame en Estados Unidos”, expresó el mandatario. “Eso, si Dios quiere, no va a ocurrir en Brasil porque (la petrolera estatal) Petrobras tiene la mejor tecnología de explotación de petróleo en aguas profundas”. Lula aprovechó para criticar a British Petroleum por la fuga de crudo iniciada tres meses atrás al afirmar que la empresa “quiso hacer la cosa más económica, y lo económico salió caro”. El gobernante brasileño estuvo el jueves en una plataforma petrolífera marítima, donde participó de la primera extracción de crudo de uno de los pozos de las enormes reservas en aguas profundas. La camada de petróleo, que el gobierno calcula en al menos 50.000 millones de barriles, se encuentra a 7.000 metros bajo la superficie marítima, y tiene por encima una cubierta de rocas y sal corrosiva que deben ser perforados para extraer el petróleo.

## Exhuman restos de Bolívar para investigar causas de su muerte

**CARACAS (AP)** - Luego de permanecer más de un siglo en un sarcófago del Panteón Nacional, los restos del Libertador Simón Bolívar fueron exhumados de manera sorpresiva durante la madrugada del viernes por las autoridades, para iniciar las investigaciones sobre las causas de su muerte. “Hemos visto los restos del gran Bolívar. Confieso que hemos llorado, hemos jurado. Les digo: tiene que ser Bolívar ese esqueleto glorioso, pues puede sentirse su llamarada”, dijo el presidente Hugo Chávez durante la madrugada a través de su cuenta de Twitter, al anunciar al país el inicio de la exhumación de los restos, que permanecían enterrados en el Panteón Nacional desde octubre de 1876. “Cristo mío, Cristo Nuestro, mientras oraba en silencio viendo aquellos huesos, pensé en ti!. Y cómo hubiese querido. Cuanto quise que llegaras y ordenaras como a Lázaro: ‘levántate, Simón, que no es tiempo de morir’. De inmediato recordé que Bolívar Vive!”, agregó el mandatario. Casi doce horas después de la exhumación, Chávez mostró una grabación que realizó la televisora estatal del momento en el que se abrió el sarcófago del Libertador, entre los

acordes del himno nacional y los honores de militares vestidos con trajes blancos y mascarillas en el rostro para garantizar la seguridad de los restos.

El mandatario dijo que tras la apertura del sarcófago se encontró una bota y los restos de una camisa del Libertador, y su “dentadura perfecta”.

Agregó que cómo parte del proceso se realizó un estudio de ADN a los restos y se tomaron algunas radiografías.

Aunque Bolívar falleció en diciembre del 1830 en la localidad colombiana de Santa Marta, sus restos fueron trasladados al Panteón Nacional en Caracas 46 años después, por decisión del congreso venezolano. La exhumación de los restos se da casi tres años después que Chávez anunció, durante la conmemoración de los 177 años de la muerte del prócer, que sería abierto el sarcófago para determinar las causas de su fallecimiento.

El gobernante ha expresado reiteradamente dudas sobre la autopsia practicada al Libertador, y sobre si los restos que están en el Panteón Nacional son realmente los del prócer.

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